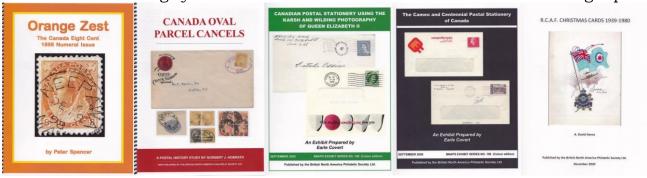


## Dear Friends of the Harry Sutherland Philatelic Library,



It has now been an entire year of COVID19, lockdowns at various levels and staying away from everyone. We are still closed to visitors at Gray lockdown. I continue to try to provide some philatelic library news and stories to brighten your day. Enjoy!

We are very pleased to have received all of the recent BNAPS books by hand delivery from Friend Bill Longley. The BNAPS book committee have selected exciting topics:



Peter Spencer continues his detailed work on the Queen Victoria numeral issue (1898-1902) with *Orange Zest: The Canada Eight Cent 1898 Numeral Issue*. Next we have *Canada Oval Parcel Cancels* by Norbert J. Hobrath, our first book on the topic and a very welcome addition to the collection. The BNAPS Exhibit Series has added two books by Earle Covert: *Canadian Postal Stationery Using the Karsh and Wilding Photography of Queen Elizabeth II* (no.108) and *The Cameo and Centennial Postal Stationery of Canada* (no.109). A. David Hanes has done this beautiful collection of *R.C.A.F Christmas Cards* 1939-1980.

In other exciting news: previous issues of the Friends newsletter are now available on our website. <a href="http://www.greenefoundation.ca/">http://www.greenefoundation.ca/</a>, scroll down to the Library services





I truly appreciate that you suggest corrections to articles that appear here. Friend Simon and Friend Bob Henderson were both kind enough to point out that New Zealand has, in fact, issued Lord of the Rings stamps for all three movies. In 2001 for *The* 

Fellowship of the Ring (Scott 1750-61; Gibbons 2458-69, MS2490), The Two Towers in 2002 (Scott 1835-46; SG 2550-61, MS2523) and in 2003 for The Return of the King (Scott 1897-1908; SG 2652-63). There is also an issue for 2004 for the making of the



trilogy: Home of Middle Earth (Scott 1956-63; SG 2714-26, MS2731). How could I have missed all these stamps? This shows that I really have to get better at using the Scott and Stanley Gibbons catalogues. They even have a reference with the first movie of the numbers for the others. This obviously means that I will have to practice on my collection of New Zealand. In addition to the fact that the movies were filmed in New Zealand, director Peter Jackson was born 31 October 1961 (that makes him a Scorpio) in

Pukerua Bay, North Island, New Zealand and now lives in Wellington. Thank you both for helping me with this!



This month I want to honour and thank our many postal workers who have kept the mail moving during these difficult times by talking about the Letter Carrier Service stamps (Unitrade 634-639) issued to mark the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of letter carrier service in Canada. I have received and sent many parcels to people that I have been unable to visit and the library has continued to receive our journals and book deliveries. Even with delays at the worst of the first lockdown they have done a great job. This series includes the postmaster, mail courier, mail handler, mail clerks, letter carrier and rural mail courier. 1974 Souvenir Collection of the Postage Stamps of Canada says: "On October 1, 1874, letter carrier delivery service was

introduced by the Canada Post Office in Montreal, and rapidly this service spread. Today there are over eleven thousand letter carriers serving over five million points of call in Canada. During one year, a letter carrier on a residential route will walk over twenty-two hundred miles." And that was in 1974. All of these numbers are probably even larger now.

Friend Dave Bartlet has a wonderful addition to the story of Toronto's First Post Office. In early 1987, when the Toronto's First Post Office stamp was issued (Unitrade 1122) they produced some booklets to sell in the shop.









The booklets contained 5 pairs of the 34-cent stamp attached through the selvedge by using the left hand pair of stamps in a pane. This rate was in effect from 24 June 1985 to 31 March 1987. A later example of the red cover booklet contained the 5 pairs of the 34-cent stamp and also ten 2-cent stamps. This would have been to cover the rate increase to 36-cents that came into effect in 1 April 1987. Postal history is grand.



Let me introduce you to Friend Howard R. Engel and his wife Esther G. Juce, shown at left during their visit to the Greene Foundation in 2018. With them are Willow, Kathy and Ted Nixon all standing in the meeting room with the portrait of Vincent Graves Greene. It was very nice to meet them and show them around the library as they have made a number of generous donations through the Engel Family Fund of the Winnipeg Foundation

(<a href="https://www.wpgfdn.org/">https://www.wpgfdn.org/</a>). Some of these donations were contingent on our raising matching funds, which we are pleased to have done. This has allowed us to work on a number of major projects in the library. We made an emphasis on Manitoba and Winnipeg material especially that from, by and about Kasimir Bileski. An early donation allowed us to start the scanning of Canada Post Weekly Bulletins and Monthly Supplements.

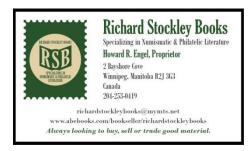
Prossy has now finished scanning all of the material that we have and has converted a large number of photographs in jpg format (made by Friend Alec Globe during a visit to Library and Archives Canada) to OCR (optical character recognition) searchable pdfs. We are still looking for the materials that we are missing and for some years where we have only the French versions of the documents. After our internet service was upgraded last year we were hoping to have all of this material posted to our website. COVID has delayed implementing the plan although we will get going again as soon as it is possible to do so.

Howard Engel, a self-confessed "chronic numismatist and unrepentant bibliophile", is a retired library technician from Red River College. Esther G. Juce is a retired dental hygienist. Both continue to be active in the collecting communities. Through an interesting series of events Richard Stockley, after almost 40 years, wanted to find a new owner for his philatelic and numismatic mail order book business at the same time as Howard was retiring in 2019. Howard himself has written about this in a posting at the RRC Heritage Group (their retiree website), read the full account at <a href="https://rrc-hg.ca/numismatist/">https://rrc-hg.ca/numismatist/</a>. Canadian Coin News, sister publication to Canadian Stamp News, published an article in June 2019 about it available at <a href="https://canadiancoinnews.com/richard-stockley-sells-book-business/">https://canadiancoinnews.com/richard-stockley-sells-book-business/</a>.



You can get further information at <a href="https://www.coinbooks.org/">https://www.coinbooks.org/</a>. They have several articles online at the E-Sylum (the electronic publication of the Numismatic

Bibliomania Society. An announcement from Richard Stockley about leaving the business is available at <a href="https://www.coinbooks.org/v22/esylum\_v22n21a08.html">https://www.coinbooks.org/v22/esylum\_v22n21a08.html</a> and an article about the 2019 RCNA (Royal Canadian Numismatic Association)show at <a href="https://www.coinbooks.org/v22/esylum\_v22n32a21.html">https://www.coinbooks.org/v22/esylum\_v22n32a21.html</a>. You can also search their archive for more about either Howard Engel or Richard Stockley Books.



Although these articles are in the coin collecting press the business also carries philatelic materials. During the lockdown Howard has created fixed price lists of BNA, Canada, Britain and Far Eastern philatelic titles. Even better email him at

richardstockleybooks@mymts.net for a custom list tailored to what you are looking for.



We are very pleased to receive many stamp club publications. The Kingston Stamp Club Newsletter has a new editor in Geoff Hodgetts. They have continued to publish during the lockdown. Check out the club at

http://www.kingstonstampclub.ca/ there is a link to the beautifully produced online newsletter.

In other news Peter McCarthy, chairman of the BNAPS R.P.O. Study Group has



announced that Ross Gray has been the dedicated editor of the newsletter for an impressive 20 years. In addition he has written content and produced RPO cataloges in 2009 and 2015. There is even a possibility of the start on a new edition. See

https://bnaps.org/studygroups/rpo/rpo1.htm for more information about the group and <a href="https://bnaps.org/hhl/n-rpo.htm">https://bnaps.org/hhl/n-rpo.htm</a> for back issues of the newsletter.



Dear Friend Michel Houde has found another interesting piece. This is one that I would never have found because I am not on Twitter, or other social media for that matter. I am grateful that he always keeps his eyes open and sends tidbits to me so that I can share them with you. This piece is called

Letters from the Past and starts with this 2:20 short film "Stamp Story!" followed by a second below it about stamp collecting. Check them

https://twitter.com/letters\_past/status/1321057766518173696.

Keep well and safe,

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